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SUBJ: RE-MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR AMERICAN FULBRIGHT-HAYS
GRANTEES

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1. IN REPLY TO DEPT'S INQUIRY, AYES PROVIDES FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

2. MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR AMERICAN SENIOR SCHOLARS INITIALLY
ESTABLISHED IN DOLLAR EQUIVALENT (LOCAL CURRENCY) AT SAME LEVEL
AS AUSTRIAN BINATIONAL COMMISSION IN 1965 AND THEREFORE WAS AMONG
HIGHEST IN EUROPE.

3. SINCE THEN, ALTHOUGH DOLLAR BASE WAS NOT CHANGED IN YUGOSLAVIA,
THREE DINAR DEVALUATIONS TOOK PLACE WHICH IN EFFECT DOUBLED
MONTHLY DINAR MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE FOR AMERICAN SCHOLARS.

4. AYES CONSIDERS PRESENT MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AS ADEQUATE.
BASIC DIFFERENCE IN THE COST OF LIVING BETWEEN AMERICAN SCHOLARS
AND YUGOSLAV COLLEAGUES IS COST OF HOUSING. AMERICANS MUST
PAY FOR RENT FROM ONE-THIRD TO ONE-FOURTH OF THEIR MONTHLY
MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE, WHILE YUGOSLAVS PAY ONE-FIFTH TO ONE-SIXTH.
MONTHLY SALARIES OF YUGOSLAVS FULL PROFESSORS AVERAGE ABOUT
5,000 DINARS.

5. SHOULD SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN RENTS OCCUR OR HIGH INFLATION
RATE CONTINUE IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ADJUST MAINTENANCE
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